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VETERANS DAY SERVICE

by Dottie Henry

Heavy rains did not keep 37 Veterans from venturing out to the Troutville Elementary School on November 11th where they were honored for their service to our country.

Lee Minnix, organizer of the first Veterans Day Service in Troutville, was overwhelmed by the attendance and warmly welcomed everyone. While Rose Young played patriotic songs on the piano, Cub Scout Pack 137 marched in with the United States and Virginia flags; they were followed by the veterans who took their seats on a stage decorated with poles with red, white and blue balloons. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Tom Meritt explained the meaning of the flags, which was followed by a moment of silence. Troutville Elementary student Eric Reynolds talked about the purpose of Veterans Day and the "Four For You" Quartet from the Virginia Gentlemen also sang. The Reverend Dave Rochford of St. Marks Methodist Church in Daleville presented medals, which were placed on each veteran by family or friends. Dottie Henry led in a medley of songs that represented all five branches of the service. The elementary students sang a tribute song and saluted the veterans...it was very impressive! The color guard retired the colors and refreshments were served.

A very special *Thank You* to Troutville Elementary School and everyone who assisted in making this day a very memorable one.

Listed below are the names of the veterans honored during the service:

Bob Venable, Commander in the Navy, 1954-1978
Bob Young, Army Air Force, 1943-1945 (WWII)
Dale Bryant, Navy, 1963-1970
David Davney, Navy, 1971-1975
Dennis Harlow, Army, 1982-1988
Dewie Weddle, Air Force, 1952-1956
Doug Paxton, Navy, 1971-1975
E L (Pat) Paderick, Marine - Artillery man, Purple Heart and Bronze Star, WWII and Korean Conflict
Frank Wooding, Merchant Marine, 1942-1946 (WWII)
Gene Hatcher, Air Force, 1957-1961
George Blake, Army, 1969-1970
H T Grindstaff, Air Force, 1943-1945 (WWII)
Harold Wilhelm, United States Navy, 1944-1946 (WWII)
Harry Burnett, Navy Yeoman, 1943-1946 (WWII)
Henry J Amos, Army, 1950-1952 (Korean Conflict)
Jack Sutliff, Navy, 1953-1955
James Gardner, Marine, 1950-1951 (Korean Conflict)
Joe Johnson, Air Force Pilot, 1942-1972 (WWII)

John Strickley, Air Force,
Joshua St. Clair, National Guard, 2007-2008
Ken Venable, Army Lieutenant, 1963-1966
Larry Crawford, Army, 1953-1956
Mason Whitenack, Air Force Airman, 1951-1955
Michael Crowder, Air Force, 1977-1981
Nelson Mayo, Navy, 1969-1971
Orville Ruid (Oldest veteran in attendance at 96 years old), Navy, 1942-1945 (WWII)
Norman Flora, Army-Field Artillery, 1948-1952
Phyllis Bergman, Lieutenant - Air Force, 1951-1954
Richard Barbour, Army Medic, 1952-1953
Roy Webb, Army Air Force, 1943-1945 (WWII)
Terry Martin, Army, 1981
Walt Bergman, Lieutenant Commander - Navy, 1947-1967
Walter Cone, Air Force, 1974
Wayne Gray, Army, 1958-1978
Wes Whitely, National Guard, 1958-1964
John Guidon, Navy, 1981-1989

Veterans unable to attend the service: Dana Gibson, Bob Johnston, Mayor William Rader, Harvey Kincer, Leonard Tolley, David Snow and Steve Gregory

Mayor Day in Troutville

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The *Sunshine Girls* picked a beautiful autumn day to celebrate "Mayor Day" in Troutville, which was held on Election Day, November 3rd, at the Town Hall. Forty-five family members and seniors were in attendance to honor the present Mayor, Bill Rader, and former Mayors Harold Wilhelm, Jewell Tyndal, Bland Painter and Lucille Graybill (representing her late husband, June Graybill).

Lee Minnix, wearing a big red heart, welcomed the Mayors with a special song. The tables were all decorated in red, white and blue. The blessing was given by Dottie Henry and a buffet lunch of soup, sandwiches and salad made for a delicious meal. Mayor Rader, who would also celebrate his birthday in November, was presented a cake with his picture in the frosting. All sang "Happy Birthday" and the cake and ice cream were served.

After the meal, the four "Bingo Bunnies" representing Star City Home Health (which serves the Roanoke Valley), invited everyone to play Bingo. The prizes were extra special and everyone enjoyed the caller who danced a jig for every winner. What a fun group of gals to invite to any event! These ladies were a great help assisting in both the kitchen and hall since many of the *Sunshine Girls* were at work that day. Thanks, also to Sally Rauscher for her help.

Many in attendance stopped to look at the history display by Len Miller. Jan Smith was also available to answer any questions and also sell "Snowflakes" for the town's Community Christmas Tree and tickets for the "Coming Home" tour on December 6th.

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